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Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As mayor of Bellwood, Illinois and a former retired educator, I understand the true impact and importance of education. Education equality is vital for creating informed citizens, fostering ideas and creating growth in our communities. In our increasingly digital lives, computer technology is necessary to educational success. With the help of Comcast, Bellwood has been able to provide safe learning spaces to our children to ensure that they have the tools they need to succeed. I personally support the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable because I am grateful for the opportunities it has provided our community and would like to see those opportunities expand to more communities.

Since becoming mayor of Bellwood, I have worked to facilitate new and brighter ways of learning and engaging students. Comcast was a major partner for our Teen Zone, which is a state-of-the art, first-of-its-kind lab equipped with desktop computers, Internet and TV services. Here teenagers can work, study or socialize with friends. The Teen Zone has been hugely successful, providing teenagers a productive and safe space to escape. Sometimes students need a place where they can be engaged outside of their home or the classroom - and that is exactly what Comcast has helped to provide.

Students from low income families are truly able to benefit from living in a Comcast area of service as well, through the Internet Essentials program. In this program, students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can gain access to the Internet in their homes for under ten dollars a month. We can't expect our students to excel if we don't give them the proper tools they need to succeed. This program delivers the resources of the Internet affordably, along with free digital literacy training, as well. I just read recently the program has now connected close to 40,000 households in Illinois to the power of the Internet at home.



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I am a Mayor who has been known to keep my promises, and I have seen Comcast keep its promises as well. Comcast is a true partner that empowers communities through technology and education, and has helped me to provide the best to my constituents. I hope you will approve the pending transaction so that they have the opportunity to empower many other communities across the United States.

Dr. Frank A. Pasquale, Mayor
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